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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Council of Fresno County Governments' (COFCG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
20	State, and Local Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds or modifies projects from various funding programs in Fresno County. This amendment modifies 30 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) projects, 20 Regional Surface Transportation Program projects, 2 High Priority/Demo projects, and 1 Transportation Enhancement project. See Enclosed.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 20 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this amendment are either exempt per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.126, 127, or 128, or rely on a previous regional emissions analysis that was approved October 2005. The FTIP, as amended, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plans and meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450, and the transportation conformity regulations per 40 CFR 93.122. Changes to project FRE041109 do not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming Regional Transportation Plan and FTIP.

Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. These projects are included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from the CMAQ program.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. COFCG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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